

4. OFFSHORE STATIONS. Not a lot to report here, I suggest one buys a copy of CM Bulletin No. 24, for minute by minute reports. We did say last week that Laser went off on the Saturday, we meant of course, the Friday. Jessie Brandon seems to be off the ship(will she return?). Caroline were off the air, all day on Thursday and Friday, and were on reduced hours beforehand. The young lady on there, Susan Charles, may also be off the ship.

LAND-BASED STATIONS. Not many, yet again, but it is improving. Storeton have been on more than off this week from Liverpool. MAR and Merseywaves have both been noted with tests over the weekend just gone. (819 and 1179 respectively).

Dave Small reports that last Sunday(23rd), he received the following:- Sunshine(Ludlow) on 103.6, County Radio(Walsall), 94.2 and U.K. Radio, Wolverhampton on 103.6mhz.

KFM from Manchester area were heard on 1017khz., but not here. Radio 104 from South Leeds was heard by Gary Hogg on 104.2mhz on Sunday(2nd). Sounds Alternative from Birmingham were noted by Graham in Leicester on 1179khz.

Finally, we have been asked to point out, by Crystal Radio Short Wave, that they are not connected in any way at all, with a station of the same name originating from the Chorley area. The latter could also have been known as Chorley Community Radio.

SHORT-WAVE STATIONS. A noisy band today and only about ten stations to report(Ourselves, Ken Baird, Gary Hogg and Graham) 6275khz., UNID at 1040gmt., announcing '48' or similar. 6280khz., WESTSIDE RADIO INT. at 1050gmt with SINPO 43333. 6290khz., Radio MI AMIGO, also relaying Radio 49 and Radio Hexagon Int., at various times late morning, again 43333. 6910khz., World Music Radio(via Radio Dublin at 0956gmt. 44344. 6868khz., UNID, playing Culture Club and Bronskey Beat at 1135gmt., was it Radio Valleri?. Heard in Leeds only. 7295khz., Radio Victoria(via Milano Int.) at 0917gmt., 33223. 7345khz., RADIO BATIDA, at 1009gmt., with SINPO of 43333. 7355khz., RADIO BRIGITTE, at 0920gmt., with 33223. 7375khz., Crystal Radio, at 1012gmt., in Scotland only.

and that was all we heard. We have just enough room left for last week's amendments from Podney(Dave Small had nothing different to us). 6220khz., UNID at 0807gmt.

6225khz., Radio Marabu at 0916gmt. 7330khz., Radio Atlantique 2000.

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'ANORAKS U.K.'...WEEKLY REPORT...No. 31...2nd December 1984.

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Almost Christmas already, so I suppose we must expect delays with the mail for the next four or five weeks. We shall be printing W.R. as usual over the holiday period, but as we have just said, it will no doubt, be delayed in the post.

For once, not just quite as much news as usual, almost entirely due to the recent bout of raids by the British D.T.I., so we can spare a few lines to mention one or two publications that are available at the moment.

LIVERPOOL WEEKLY REPORT is a bit thin, due once again to above. OFFSHORE ECHOS MAGAZINE No. 54 is available, but copies of all back issues to No. 22, are selling like mad, and will soon be all sold out.

MONITOR No. 28 should be in print before the Christmas holiday. FRM Magazine from Holland, No 11 now out, No. 12 due soon.

AIRSPEC NEWS. You have probably heard that this magazine is closing down. This, in fact, is quite true, but in fairness, the lads are printing a bumper final edition, and in it, will be all the details of future subscriptions etc., plus everything else you will want to know. They expect to go to print just after Christmas, so, if you subscribe to them, stand by.

RADIOTELEX, in English, from Germany, aimed at the short wave listener, No 35 out now, highly recommended. Send to us for a sample copy @ 40p. Subscriptions from them, or send it to us, and this will cost £9.00 for 26 issues.

CAROLINE MOVEMENT BULLETIN, No. 24 just out. 52 pages of nothing but interesting info. No photos or diagrams this time, just lots and lots of info(this is how it should be), quite up to date, as well. An extremely good effort from them, after the last mediocre edition. With it comes their merchandise list, it's like ours now, and contains lots of goodies, including a rather excellent selection of free radio photo packages at very reasonable prices. CM Movement, BCM-BRFM, LONDON WC1N 3XX.

S.R.C.(Wales) c/o 11 Teify Terrace, Adpar, Newcastle Emlyn, Dyfed, S. Wales, have a good selection of offshore goodies, like stickers and things, and if you drop them an SAE, they will send you a list of what they have.

Finally, on items for sale, we should like to point out that if anyone intends sending to us for one of the superb Laser T-shirts, we are offering, please send early, if you want them for Christmas, as stocks are going down rapidly. Also, Laser sweat-shirts are imminent and cost £8.00, and are once again in black with that superb coloured logo. All the above items will make excellent Christmas presents for free radio fans, but order now, to avoid any delays nearer the time with the post etc.



NOVA. All the usual action here again, this week. One or two of the old names were heard at odd times over the week-end periods. Rock programme specialist, Dennis Murray has been heard on the last two weekends, as have Martin Block and Roland Burke on the weekend of 22nd/23rd Nov. Ken Hammond, one of the NUJ ex-strikers, who was heard just once on the news, since his return, now appears to have joined RTE, although not on air, as yet. Ex Nova presenter Declan Meehan has finally got on the air at Capitol in London, but only during the night, to start with. Ex Nova news-man Brian Dobson can be heard at times on the BBC World Service.

Breaks in transmission have been few and far between again this week, and power generally seems excellent during the day, considering the bad time of year for ground-wave signals. Peter Elliston of Suffolk reports that Nova was audible without extra antennae all afternoon on Friday last.

On Friday afternoon, Radio Nova ran an advert for new presenters. This advert was heard several times, and the presenter on the air actually mentioned it also. Applicants were asked to call or submit their audition tapes to 144, Upper Leeson Street, Dublin 2. Tel. 606422. This is where the shop 'Flowers by Elizabeth' and Butler Insurance Brokers can be found. No doubt, Nova have rooms there also.

On Saturday afternoon, several news bulletins carried as their main story a piece about a new station imminent, called Q102. They went on to say that Nova were not at all involved in this venture, and named several night-club owners who were thought to be backers to the project. Apparently, several Nova staff had been offered jobs with Q102, and Chris Cary had promptly replied by offering contracts for six months to all his staff. Nova went on to say that none of their staff would be leaving, and wished the operators well in their new venture.

Finally with Nova, it appears that the Nova Night Out which ran for just two weeks in Blackpool, isn't taking place anymore at present, which isn't any wonder. Have you seen Blackpool Promenade in the Winter? The Southport Follies, Nova Night Out with Rosko was rather well attended, according to several reports, but apparently the venue is normally a success without celebrity guests. It seems that the club actually booked Rosko, and flew him across from the States for the night. Many of the younger members of the audience did not seem to know who he was at all, and had just come to the

club to dance. Rosko, it must be said, was quite professional as he normally is, but one report did suggest that he was a 'hasbeen'. The Nova motion girls didn't cause too much of a stir, it seems, they have yet to get their act together. Nova car stickers were actually given away at the venue, these were the first to be seen bearing the new frequencies. It also appears that Rosko made a second appearance the following night in Ainsdale, close by, before flying back to America.

OTHER IRISH STATIONS. A new name was heard on Robbie Dale's Show on Sunshine, Pat Courtney, an Irish New Zealander. He was standing in for Robbie all week, who was off ill. Sunshine's medium wave signal is pretty abysmal at the moment, with the poor radio ground wave conditions. We are fortunate, as I have said before, in that we can listen to Sunshine on FM.

John Cassidy reports from Sligo that Ocean 97 used to be called Lateland Radio, but are not a terribly professional outfit at all. They seem to be forever closing down and re-opening. Radio North West are just as bad, their AM transmitter leaves alot to be desired. Anyone planning a visit to Sligo is urged to take a tape recorder and some pre-recorded cassettes!

According to newspaper reports, City Centre Radio in Limerick are still going, and can be contacted on 061 42055. Also Capitol in Dublin can now be found at 30/31 Wicklow St., Dublin, Tel. 770887.

Further newspaper reports suggest that Equity are planning to jam the pirate stations soon, if the government don't act.

Wonderland Radio from Greenhills Road, Tallaght have been noted by Philip Devlin again, back on FM, on 96.5mhz., with very low power.

Radio Carousel's Drogheda transmitter was heard again on Friday in Blackpool, relaying the Dundalk transmission, on 1404khz.

Alan Jones from Cork reports that things there are more or less the same as ever, with ERI leading the field. He prefers to listen to WKLR from Bandon, although he says that is not as good as it used to be. Caroline Cork is still there, off and on. Middleton Community Radio seemed to have closed down. One we did not know about was Cobh Community Radio from Cobh on 211m mw. This station broadcast during the Summer months only.

Finally in Ireland, we are pleased to note that Bray Local Broadcasting, Community Radio on 657khz., have moved on channel. We can now hear them without having to tolerate an off-channel hum, which was caused by them clashing with on-channel BBC Wales.

One final question: Where is Radio Dublin's Eamon Cooke??



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**SHORT-WAVE REPORT.** Conditions were quite good here today, although the same could not be said for our other reporters in Birmingham, Leeds and Ayr.

6200khz...Still something here, we all report, but no I.D.

6240khz...U.K. Radio at 1017gmt., with Kelly Browne, 54434, but the second part, after 1030 was much poorer. Address given was P.O. Box 143, Wolverhampton, West Midlands.

6265khz...Radio Krypton, at 1057gmt., with normal programmes and a SINPO of 44423.

6268khz...Capitol Radio Int., at 1325gmt., calling CQ., 43444.

6280khz...Westside Radio Int., at 1123gmt., with short-wave report and Gerrard Roe's FRCI programme, 44434.

6290khz...Radio Mi Amigo, at 1233gmt., with 43444.

6310khz...Radio Ireland, at 0958gmt., with relay of Radio Nova, Dublin, Nova and KISS jingles then an I.D. 44434. They gave out an address of 37 Willow Park Crescent, Glasnevin North, Dublin 11.

6910khz...Radio Dublin, at 1223gmt., with really of mw, 44434.

7295khz...Radio Victoria (via Radio Milano Int.) at 0921gmt., and SINPO of 34333.

7315khz...K.B.C. Radio, at 1150gmt., heard in Leeds and Birm., only.

7325khz...ABC Radio possibly, at 1045gmt. Leeds only.

7339khz...Radio Waves Int., at 1008gmt.,

7350khz...CHNO, (I think), in Dutch, giving address of P.O. box 725, Arnhem, Holland, at 1010gmt., and 44323.

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'ANORAKS U.K.' ....WEEKLY REPORT...No.32...9th December 1984.

No space-wasting this week, as news pours in thick and fast, and not all good, I am sorry to report. Still, it is news, so off we go.

NOVA. This station has had a bad week for several reasons, the two main ones are:- problems with the 50kw transmitter, and strangely enough, lack of news-readers.

The big transmitter which the station operate from about 0720am till about 19.00pm., played up for a short spell on Monday. On Wednesday, it played up all day, going off and coming back on, most annoyingly. The smaller transmitter was brought into use and stayed in use for a great part of the day. As the week went on the situation improved and the '50' was back in use, but on much reduced power. Ironically, the station was heard to play the jingle 'playing hot hits for'....and mentioning somewhere in Yorkshire during one of its worst moments. It was questionable as to whether it could be heard in some parts of County Dublin! In fairness, though, better weather conditions have enabled people on the West Coast of the U.K. to tune into Nova on 102.7mhz., and even 103.2mhz., at times.

Nova were still advertising for staff on Monday last, and giving out their office numbers in Liverpool and Leeson Street in Dublin, which brings us to the next problem....lack of news-readers. There was no news on most evenings after 7.00pm. On Tuesday, there was only one news-reader all day, and that was Bob Gallico, who finished at 1.00pm. The afternoon news was read by the presenter, Greg Gaughran, until 7.00pm. Tony Allan was not heard until later in the week on news. Thursday brought some relief, as a new man was heard, Mark Weller, who sounded very American at first, but this later faded, and he sounded quite Irish. It must be stated that he is a first class reader.

It was noticed during the week that certain parties were missing....Sybil Fennel, Bernie Jamieson, Jason Maine, Chris Barrie to name just four. The latter two have apparently left the station for Q102(see later). We have no news on the first pair though.

Dublin Today programme has apparently returned, although as yet, we have not heard it, as it is on 102.7mhz., only., and run from Leeson Street with Linda Conway and Jenny McIvor.

A new presenter for the 7.00pm till midnight spot was announced during the week, Aidan Cooney. He was not exactly new as he does the sports news on Saturday along with Dave Johnson on news and either Hugh O'Brien or Dave Harvey.

Finally, several Nova Roadshows have been mentioned on the U.K. side, Lancaster and Ulverston to name just two.



OTHER IRISH STATIONS. Robbie Dale was heard on his usual 9.00 till midday spot all week. He was off the air the previous week due to illness.

Another station asking for news-readers and presenters, was Wicklow Community Radio. This advert was heard several times on Wednesday last. The applicants were asked to ring Wicklow 3368.

It is now thought, but not confirmed, that ABC Radio have made the move into Waterford City, 4 Arundak Square. The reason for this...it was heard playing a request for someone 'over in Tramore', today Sunday. Their telephone numbers in Waterford are (051) 75620 and 75687.

Midland Radio can still be heard, despite atrocious ground wave conditions, on 1404khz. They gave out two numbers during the week, but due to reception being a bit ropery, the exact digits were not clear. We shall try for this one again, when conditions permit. Midland broadcast from Longford.

It is reported that Radio Zodiac are back on the air, off-channel, 1527khz. Peter Madison has heard them on several occasions during the week. He lives nearby.

Gerrard Roe of Radio Annabel's FRCI programme reports that Radio Snowflake have once again been testing on '199m' MW. This station appears at Christmas regularly.

THE VOICE OF PEACE. Jeremy James has now returned home from the ship, although he thinks that replacements have not been found, due to Abie's involvement with raising cash for Ethiopia. He says he may well return to the station in the New Year. We will have a full report on his experiences next week.

LASER. This station have been off and on yet again this week, the power, according to reports from around the country has varied considerably. At times the stand-by transmitter has been used (this one is very slightly off-channel).

They were heard testing between 0400 and 0415 this morning.

Dave Chaney, currently off the ship on leave, has been seen frequenting 'the in places'. He hails from the West Coast and appears, and colleagues say he is a very nice person to get on with. STOP PRESS..22.00 hrs Sunday...Chaney back/power v. low.

Current line up on the Communicator :- 0500 - 1000, Tom Rivers.....1000 - 1500, Holly Michaels.....1500 - 2000, David Lee Stone.....2000 - 0100, Charlie Wolfe. No late night 'shows' have been heard.

CAROLINE. In last week's edition, it was stated that we thought that Susan Charles had come off the ship. This proved correct. Anyone just waking last Monday and hearing the Caroline 'News-

week' news, could be forgiven for thinking that Samantha was reading it. However, it was soon learnt to be Marty Wright., ex Radio Jackie receptionist, weekend over-night presenter and news-reader. Marty comes from Australia and could possibly have East European parents, accounting for her accent. She has done some radio work in Australia on University stations.

The mystery man on Caroline, 'Bruce' announced himself as Bruce Purdy during shows he did during the week.

Finally, the station managed to get the 576khz transmitter back on the air, this morning, about 9.00am. Power was incredibly low, and later reports from London stated that it could hardly be heard there. We now await increased power and the proposed Dutch service.

LAND-BASED STATIONS. Plenty of news here this week, so we will start with Liverpool....MAR commenced full programming, once again, last Monday, with John Dwyer, Rick Dane and new voice, ex. VOP man(as promised), Dave Asher. This lasted only the one day, as Dave left. The station failed to appear on the Tuesday and on the Wednesday closed down for good at 6.00pm. They appear to be minus their equipment.

Storeton Community Radio were on the air all week till Thursday PM. when they went off and have not re-appeared, although a carrier was heard on 1026khz.

Radio Merseywaves failed to appear at all, despite it saying it would. Central Radio were heard testing on 1404khz., on both Saturday and Sunday. WFM were noted in Liverpool on FM between 7.00pm and 2.00am., on Sundays and Tuesdays.

In Manchester, KFM were reported as testing on FM on monday, on 97.9mhz.

In Leeds, Gary Hogg and Dave Knight reported Radio 104 on the air on 104.2mhz., on Sunday afternoon, again.

In London, It appears that Radio Jackie have been served with a writ, signed by Sir Michael Havers, Attorney General. The court case will be heard in the high court on Tuesday next. The writ is in two parts. 1. Contravention of the Wireless Telegraphy Act, an injunction will be sought to stop the station broadcasting. 2. this concerns the loss of advertising. The case has been brought by the new ILR station, Radio Mercury in Reigate.

A Pirate station run by Cypriots has managed to jam the transmissions of Radio Shoestring on 90mhz. FM, which had recently commenced 7 day a week operation. Both are currently off the air, whilst things are sorted out.

Paul McKenna, recently heard on Caroline, was heard filling in for Tom Hardy on Chiltern Radio today. He was also heard on this station last week but one.

Finally, Gary King, doing relief on Red Rose, is another ex-Sovereign presenter.



LAND-BASED STATIONS. It will have to be brief, I am afraid. Storeton Community Radio; it has been confirmed, were raided for a second time on Thursday 29th November. They have not returned, but still promise to. Central Radio were again heard weakly this weekend, on 1404khz. However, Bert Williams's Radio Merseywaves were back loud and clear on 1179khz moving to 1233khz., at 5.00pm., due to foreign interference. Bert announced his classic 'engineering test transmissions' and mentioned his new partner, Paul Anderson. No other stations were logged here at all, but other reports indicated that Radio 104 in Leeds and KFM in Manchester were both on the air. Finally, Ken Baird reports Dutch pirates on 1613khz., (Radio Woodpecker Int., possibly associated with the short-wave station, Radio Nobody) at 0056gmt today, and on 1620khz., (Radio Cowboy Jimmy) at 0236gmt.

SHORT-WAVE STATIONS. With fog in Leeds, rain in Dublin and fair conditions in Lerwick and Cannock and Ayr (reporters QTH's) it was a pleasure to report Spring-like weather in Blackpool and absolutely superb short-wave conditions, the likes of which haven't been experienced in ages. Only local QRM to upset nearly perfect conditions.

6206khz... FRS Holland at 0943gmt., with 43324, later 33333.

6240khz... Radio Gerona at 1025gmt (only I.D.ed by Dave Small but heard here as well), only on for a short spell; address given as, Postbus 77, AB, Raalte, Holland.

6264khz... Radio Krypton at 1049gmt., with 44334, then 54444.

6280khz... Westside Radio Int., at 1100gmt., with 44344 and later 54344, with Prince Terry, shortwave report and FRCI.

6290khz... Radio Mi Amigo Int., at 1137gmt., with 54344, later relaying Radio Hexagon.

6910khz... Radio Dublin at 1144khz., hardly audible under a big blank carrier.

7295khz... Radio Victoria, later Radio Milano Int., at 0947gmt., with 23333, and later 34444.

7311khz... Future World Radio, at 0950gmt. with 43334.

7325khz... ABC Radio from Waterford, at 1208gmt., and 44434.

7340khz... Radio Pacific (via Radio Waves) at 1021gmt, poor.

7445khz... Radio 101 (in German) at 1050gmt., with 43333 then 33343. At 1204gmt., KBC were heard (in Dutch) and 44434.

An absolutely splendid day on short wave here. Watch out for stations on Christmas and Boxing Day especially Weekend Music Radio, maybe relaying Radio Telstar on 6200/7410 in the AM, and 5010khz., in the PM. Sorry, we have no room for amendments (keep the logs coming though, Podney). Thanks to all the other contributors, readers, supporters, helpers and everyone.

A VERY HAPPY CHRISTMAS TO YOU ALL, see you next week.

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The postal system seems to be completely at a stand-still as reports come in that W.R. 32 has not reached its destination yet, in many cases. As a result, it is quite possible that a number of people will be reading this issue, with Santa disappearing into the distance. We shall continue to post W.R.'s as normal and the merchandise also and any delay we can only apologise for. Hopefully, things will be back to normal in a couple of weeks time.

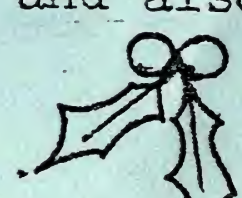
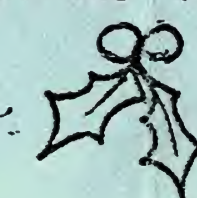
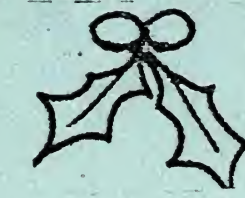
NOVA. After last week's problems with the big transmitter, things this week could only improve. This they did, as far as being on the air went, very little time was lost, but as far as being able to hear the station went, well, this was a different matter, as modulation was extremely low all week. The signal gave a splendid reading on the set, but it had to be on a very loud setting to be able to hear it. The problem was reported to Nova, but very little could be done about it, as the main engineer was away on holiday and there just seemed to be no-one around apart from electricians, who could do anything at all about it.

Two news-readers, conspicuous by their absence, and mentioned in last week's W.R., Sybil Fennel and Bernie Jamieson, are still not back, Sybil is away in London and Bernie is on holiday abroad. The news in the week is covered by Bob Gallico in the mornings and Mark Weller in the afternoons, with Tony Allan helping out at peak times. The weekend news is covered by Dave Johnson. There is no news at night just at present.

Yet another new name this week, well, not quite new, ex-Nova presenter Peter Madison made his come-back. He was heard between 6.00am and 10.00am on Saturday and between 6.00 and 9.30am on Sunday. Considering Peter has been out of radio for some months, it was quite amazing how professional he sounded. He brought a completely different sound to the station along with some different records and I.D.'s. Nova does tend to sound very samey at times, even old records brought out of the library are played over and over again by subsequent presenters. Lets hope that Peter will be heard regularly.

Finally at Nova, Casey Kasem and Rick Dees were both heard this week, but not Rosko.

OTHER IRISH STATIONS. Bad conditions on the wave-band and lack of time for listening due to pressure of other business in the run-up to Christmas, have prevented us from having a lot of news to report here this week. We must mention the proposed new Dublin station, Q102, seeing that we failed to give it a mention last week. This station threatens to be on very soon and also





threatens that it is going to be as big as Nova. It still has to make the airwaves, despite a blank carrier, thought to have some connection with it, being on 1134khz.

Names of presenters associated with this outfit, are reputed to include Jason Maine, Chris Barrie, Lawrence John and John Kenney. An address of 3 Mount Street, Dublin has been mentioned.

It is understood that Sunshine Radio have lost their mid-day presenter, Andy Rua. He is going to America to work we understand. We are not sure whether it is in radio or not. His replacement is not yet known, as he only left on Friday.

Kieran Murray reports that a new station is imminent in Navan, both on AM and FM. He also reports that the station on 1404khz., from Longford is 'Independent Radio Longford'. We must dispute this, as we heard it I.D. as Midland Radio up until a couple of weeks ago, and Ken Baird heard likewise just last week. We are unable to receive it at present, due to the Drogheda relay of Radio Carousel on the same channel. This station seems to have upped their power considerably. All four stations are now in operation, Carousel Dundalk, 1125khz....Carousel Navan, 1386khz..., 1386khz...Carousel Northern Ireland, 1071khz....Carousel Drogheda, 1404khz.

Similarly, Boyneside Radio in Drogheda are on 1305khz., Boyneside Radio 244(Northern Ireland) are on 1233khz., Boyneside, Dundalk are on 1260khz., and their fourth relay, to Navan and Kells could be on the air soon, although the frequency is not yet known.

Radio Na nGael from Swords report that the short wave transmitter is back on the air. It was on 6340khz., and is possibly still on this frequency, but only operating at rather strange hours for obviously some good reason. We shall be interested to see if anyone picks them up. The station has plenty of adverts, we listened early last week, and has some new stickers and 1985 Calendars.

THE VOICE OF PEACE. Jeremy James, as reported in last week's edition, is home for Christmas. Unless anything big, in the line of radio jobs, presents itself, he hopes to go back there in the New Year sometime. JJ has nothing but praise for the station and for former head of programmes, Rob Scott. He played a tape of one his programmes on arrival, and one on leaving, and the difference was quite amazing. He played a similar tape with one of his colleagues on it, and the same thing was noticed, that they come back better presenters than when they went. It seems quite a pleasant ship to work on



and live in, and even now, during the Winter months, when JJ stated that there was sometimes 'quite a swell' out there, staff can be seen in shorts and T-shirt on deck, and that is December! Abie is at present raising funds for Ethiopia, and keeps hopping across to Ethiopia to make sure the money and supplies reach the people who need them. Even so, the station has very few adverts, unlike a year or two ago, when it had quite a lot, according to log sheets seen. The aerial system prevents the signal travelling a great distance, obviously, some money needs to be spent on its repair. It is often a problem to receive the station in Jerusalem! JJ has asked us to point out that the treatment received by Abie and his staff is excellent. They are met from the plane by a car and driver and stay at very good hotels during their shore leave. No details are yet available as to who has replaced JJ, although letters are awaited.

LASER 558. Not a lot to report from this station this week, it has been a bit overshadowed by events on its neighbour. Nevertheless, the signal has continued to improve during the daytime, following the previous week's problems. CAROLINE & MONIQUE. Following last Sunday's successful attempts to get the 576khz., transmitter back on air, this signal has continued to improve during the week, but will never(ever) compare with the 963khz., one, for many reasons. Lower power transmitter, poor channel(already two German stations there), and of course, in this area, RTE on 567khz. 585khz.; would be better(except in Scotland, of course). Still, it was either this, or religious shows, and I know which I would prefer. It is a shame though, that some people are going to miss out on the album tracks during the day. It would have been nice for everyone to have had a choice. If Monique becomes another Mi Amigo, I think Laser will have to watch out.

The announcements for this Dutch service were first heard here on Monday, when we were told to re-tune to 576khz., from Saturday 15th Dec., during the day, and 963khz., at night. Similarly, a Dutch advert was aired advising the Dutch to tune in to 963khz., from Saturday and that programmes would start at 11.00gmt., Sunday. Jay Jackson returned to the ship; and he, too was heard on a voice over. A Tony James was also heard. Monique duly commenced as advertised and it now appears that this station will run from 4.00am till 7.00 pm GMT. Seven D.J.'s have been mentioned and taped shows will be aired later. News will be at three minutes to the hour and on the half hour. In a link up with Veronica earlier today, they stated that family music would predominate. A tour of the ship took place. The address was given as a P.O. Box in Playa de Aro, Spain.



28 DEC 1984

4. SHORT-WAVE STATIONS. A little more space this week, so amendments to last week's log, from Podney R. Sixe of Cornwall. He reported only mediocre conditions, as opposed to the superb conditions we experienced. He received more or less the same as we did, plus Radio Camilo Cienfuegos on 6300khz., at 0808. Radio Earth relayed by Radio Milano Int., at 1239gmt.

On to this week now, and reports from ourselves, Ken Baird(Scotland), Gary Hogg(Leeds) and Dave Small(Midlands). Conditions were not good(as expected), but there were one or two bursts of reasonable reception, particularly mid-morning. No SINPO's this week, due to the reception being up and down. 6207khz.,....FRS Holland at 0956gmt., and for most of the am. 6210khz.,....UNID at 1127gmt., with an excellent signal and superb modulation. One of the best heard today.

6230khz., I think, although it could be heard from about 6215 along to 6245khz.,....Flying Dutchman Radio, at 1033gmt., with the worst modulation ever, and a Dutch man apologising constantly for it, over the top of the record 'Flash' by The Duke of Burlington. He then went off 'to sit by the phone' for any calls, although he thought no-one would hear him. He also gave out an address of P.O. Box 58, Westmark(I think), in Holland.

6240khz.,...KLA Radio, at 1146gmt., only broadcasting 'KLA from nine till ten everyday' over and over. UNID also heard from time to time, possibly on 6238khz, underneath the above.

6275khz.,...Radio Atlantis, the return of, at 1102gmt., with Nick Thomas and later Johnny Diamond, also announcing 192m. medium wave, 1566khz., and 105mhz., FM. Tel...0323 767095.

6280khz.,...Westside Radio Int., at 1123gmt., with Prince Terry, short wave report and Gerard Roes FRCI programme.

6910khz.,...Radio Dublin, at 1143gmt., hardly audible earlier.

7295khz.,...Radio Victoria, (via Radio Milano Int.) at 1131gmt.

7310khz.,...Future World Radio, at 1038khz.

7338khz.,...UNID, possibly Radio Waves, but a Radio Nova jingle heard, then some Dutch, then French. Some English was also heard by Dave Small, but he thought it could have been a separate station.

7375khz.,...Crystal Radio, at 1055gmt., only heard by Dave Small. Also heard this morning, Radio Sandino(Ken Baird only) on 6200khz., at 0952gmt. and Radio Camilo Cienfuegos on 6300khz., at 1010gmt(us only).

Not the best of reports today, but at least, we have both the two holiday days to tune in next week.

I hope everyone had a happy Christmas, and from all at

'Anoraks U.K.' A VERY HAPPY NEW YEAR.

Barrie and Ruth Johnston

Some weeks ago, we mentioned that we thought it was about time we had another free radio convention to follow the extremely successful one of April 1983. It appears that we are about to be treated to just that, courtesy of CM Movement, once again. This time the function is to be held in the St Margaret's Hall, Woodhouse Road, Leytonstone, London, E.11 on Saturday 23rd March 1985. Personally speaking, I think these functions are 'magic', and cannot wait for the day. Further details can be obtained in advance from The Caroline Movement, BCM-BRFM, LONDON WC1N 3XX.

Still with CM, they had their Xmas party last week at the above venue. It was an overwhelming success with over 100 people there, after only two weeks of promotion, limited at that. Guests attending included Paul McKenna, Peter Clarke, Andy Johnson, Paul Rusling and Dave Windsor, who stole the show.

On now to Radio news, this holiday period.....

NOVA. Last week, we reported good signal here, but low modulation. This state of affairs improved greatly during the week, coinciding with the return of chief engineer, Paul Cotter. By the weekend just gone, transmissions were back to normal. The 50 kw transmitter seems to be switched on slightly earlier in the mornings now.

Wednesday night saw the Nova staff party take place, resulting in Tony Allan doing the following morning's Breakfast Show, along with a slightly weary-sounding Bob Gallico, on news. Tony must have left the party early, as he sounded in excellent form and presented one of the best shows heard from him for some time.

Friday morning saw Peter Madison and Bob Gallico together on the show, in place of Colm Hayes, who had 'flu. Peter also presented the Saturday and Sunday shows.

Bernie Jamieson returned from holiday on the Monday and proceeded to read the news from 7.00pm nightly(probably till 1.00am.).

Nova splits the AM and FM at 7.00pm., nightly, in the week, for a half hour. Linda Conway, Jenny McIvor and Shane McGowan present 'Dublin Today' on the FM Dublin service.

Finally at Nova, Peter Madison, famous for his mentions of anniversaries, reminded us on Sunday(today) that it was twenty years ago today since Radio London, Big 'L' came on the air. He proceeded to play appropriate records and jingles.

Bhain Maith Agat



## 2. OTHER IRISH STATIONS.

A new name was heard on Monday, on Sunshine Radio, in place of Andy Rua, who has left to work on radio stations in the USA. He was ex-Capitol Radio presenter, Mike Byrne, and he presents the programme, Good-Day Sunshine 12.00 till 4.00pm during the week.

Reports came in during the week, that Radio Luimni had purchased a new transmitter, which had been installed and was operating on 1125khz. This would replace the small t/x, which was on 963khz. However, from 0051 till 0128gmt., today, Ken Baird heard this station clearly on 985khz! This was verified when he checked a telephone number given out, with us. So, we are not sure now, whether or not he has two transmitters on the air.

Steve Marshall reports no change in Galway at all, the station, Atlantic Sound, still on 1026khz., but promising to move soon to 846khz.

Finally in Ireland, the much talked about station Q102 has been heard testing here in Blackpool. Following a telephone call from Dublin on Saturday evening, saying that Q102 had been noted in some parts of the city with a very weak signal and test transmissions on 102.00mhz., we tuned our equipment to 102mhz., and lo and behold there it was, with continuous music and occasional identifications. The FM transmitter is sited at Glencree, in the mountains behind Dublin, beaming down to the city, hence, the reason we can receive it with a good aerial and antenna amplifier.

THE VOICE OF PEACE. Staff shortages here, as Abie concentrates on raising money for Ethiopia, and hops here and there, neglecting his station. Present line-up is as follows:-

6.00am...Paul Rogers	9.00am...Dave Thomas.
12.00.....Steve Price.	3.00pm...Kassack.
4.00pm...Chris Taylor.	6.00pm...Twilight Time.
7.30pm...Classical.	9.00pm...Int. Showcase.
Mid-night.Daevid Fortune..Programme Controller.	
3.00am...Paul Adams.	

Dave Thomas is leaving any day now, after two years. New man, Paul Adams is leaving too, as he is disillusioned. Also leaving is Daevid Fortune. Shore leave is scarce due to lack of staff, but I understand that Chris Taylor is now on leave.

LASER 558. Not a lot to report here, except to say that the signal was noticeably down during the last day or two. Present line-up is as follows :- 5.00am...Rick Harris. 9.00am... Holly Michaels. 1.00pm...Tommy Rivers. 5.00pm...Dave Chaney. 9.00pm.. Charlie Wolfe.

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CAROLINE, & MONIQUE. Both stations have operated normally this week. Signals strengths on both 963 and 576khz., have been about the same, but modulation on Caroline has improved dramatically, whereas with Monique it has gone down especially the last day or two. On the hour announcements include 'with offices in New York; Los Angeles and Toronto, this is....'

Before we leave the two North Sea ships, we must point out some items in the press this week. Laser 558 came 5th in Smash Hits and also in No.1. Magazine reader's polls. An article in Monday's Daily Mail concerning Laser 558, revealed a proposed plot to get rid of this pop ship, involving various well-known personalities. Rick Harris was heard to make some derogatory comments about one of the involved, on the following days programme.

LAND-BASED STATIONS. Big news on land was yet another raid. WFM from Tranmere, Merseyside, who operated on Sunday and Tuesday evenings were raided at 8.15pm., last Tuesday by 3 members of the D.T.I. from London. They took everything.

Radio Merseywaves has appeared both Saturday and Sunday on 1242 and 1179, but promising only 1242khz., in future. Signal and modulation were very good. Central Radio have not been heard here this week. The only other station heard this weekend was Radio Atlantis on 102.8mhz.

In London, following the raid on Sola Radio some days ago, they are now back on the air on 102.5mhz., but in mono only.

Posters in Leeds centre indicate that a radio station called Radio Revenge, will be on Christmas Day. The frequency is not known.

KFM From Manchester are still on 1017khz., only. Their signal has improved this week. They can be heard clearly in Leeds now. They have been received here as well, today, but not terribly clearly due to Capitol Radio in Dublin, and Sunshine Radio in Ludlow, both on the same frequency.

It is thought that Radio 104 from Leeds is on the air, but power has been reduced in order to cover only a specific area.

The Voice of Cyprus was received in Ayr by Ken Baird on Saturday night. They operate on 1611khz., from London.

Calderdale Sound Community Radio, whilst not on air, are still active. The operator has made two television appearances in connection with the collecting of signatures which he intends to present to the Home Secretary. They are seeking an experimental community radio licence.

A Radio Carousel has been reported in the Merseyside area on 94.3mhz. They also said that they were on 1242khz. The address was given as Wilmslow, Cheshire. Further details anyone?